

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel non-elected claims 8-18.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Applicant claims an electrolyte sheet comprising a body of varied thickness, the electrolyte sheet having a textured surface with multiple protruding features, the protruding features forming an undercut angle with respect to the normal of the electrolyte sheet, the undercut angle being more than 0 degrees and less than 15 degrees.

In the prior art of record, Sridhar et al., U.S. Pat. Application Pub. 2005/0074650 A1, disclose an electrolyte sheet with protruding features.

However, the prior art of record, taken either alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious an undercut angle with respect to the normal of the

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electrolyte sheet, the undercut angle being more than 0 degrees and less than 15 degrees.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela J. Martin whose telephone number is (571)272-1288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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